

United States Senate

September 15, 2023

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I am writing to draw your attention to significant mail delivery delays due to staffing shortages in the Bozeman post office. I remain concerned that United States Postal Service (USPS) leadership has not yet found a solution to address low pay in high-cost areas. Both postal workers and customers deserve better than short-term ideas and band-aid solutions.

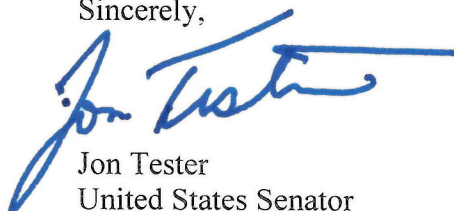
Montanans depend on reliable postal service to pay their bills, receive their medications, and support small businesses. I am alarmed that this ongoing staffing crisis in Gallatin County imperils the ability of postal customers to receive these essential services.

As you are aware, I sent a letter to your office last spring about similar staffing challenges and delays in Bozeman. While I appreciate USPS's efforts to bring in short-term help and deploy additional resources to the community, I am alarmed that little has been done to address the underlying lack of resources that make it impossible to hire and retain adequate staff in Montana communities with high costs of living. While I believe that similar interim measures are needed to address the immediate crisis in Bozeman, I once again ask that you work with the Board of Governors and Congress to find a lasting solution that increases pay for these employees.

I commend the Postal employees who continue to work tirelessly to fulfill their critical obligation to ensure mail service to Montanans in Bozeman and across the Treasure State. These workers continue to put in long hours to keep mail moving in and out of Bozeman, I thank them for their dedication to Montana.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and stand ready to work with you.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator